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Classified By: CDA Michael A. Matera for Reasons 1.4(b) and (d).

(C) PolCouns delivered reftel points to Ambassador Fernandez Salorio of the Argentine MFA Office of International Organizations on October 19. Salorio conceded that Venezuela would never obtain the required votes to obtain the Council seat but said that Mercosur and Argentina were committed to supporting Venezuela as long as it remained in the race. He opined that a compromise candidate would eventually come forward through GRULAC but stressed that the GoA would not take any action on it own to encourage either of the current candidates to withdraw.  
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